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For: Plastics Additives: Improved Process, Products,  
and Articles Containing Same

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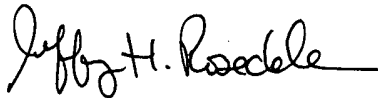
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST**

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/203,497 filed on May 12, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4). Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**Cross Reference To Related Patent Applications**

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